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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed January 13, 2010. Applicant does not acquiesce in the characterizations of the claims, the prior art of record, or the stated reasons for allowance. In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner stated that the references of record do not disclose or suggest certain limitations of the Applicant's claims. Applicant points out that the different independent claims are not identical, and that the specific limitations addressed by the Examiner in the Statement for Reasons for Allowance do not appear verbatim in every independent claim. Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the claims are allowable over the cited references. Applicant points out, however, that the independent claims as well as the dependent claims include other features not taught or suggested by the prior art and that the claims are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in Applicant's previous communications.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner referred to cited references. Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterizations of the cited references. Applicant does agree that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest each and every element of Applicant's claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner place the preceding comments into the prosecution record prior to issuance of the above-identified application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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